

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment of December 31, 2007 that relates to the amendment document filed on October 5, 2007 which was responding to a pending Office Action dated July 5, 2007.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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